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ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT
LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL

Group Art Unit: 3738
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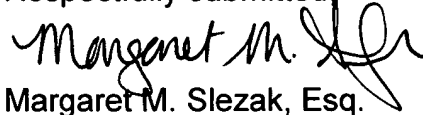
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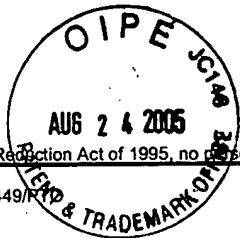


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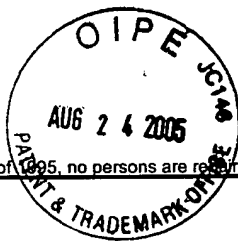
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